

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-14, 16-41, 43-55, 59-70, 72-82, 84-121, and 123-150 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 70, 136, and 143 have been amended. Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

1. Rejection under U.S.C 103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3-14, 20-21, 46-55, 59-70, 72-82, 87-96, 100-110, 113-121, and 123-135 as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,818,512 issued to W. Fuller in view of US. Patent No. 5,924,013 issued to Guido et al., and further in view of US. Patent No. 6,711,622 issued to M. Fuller et al. Applicants respectfully respond this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the references discloses or suggests the claimed invention. Specifically, none of the references discloses or suggests that the compressed and encrypted image and audio information are received and stored in a single "central storage system" as files, which are distributed to "a plurality of theatre systems at a plurality of pre selected later times," as now claimed in independent claims 1 and 70. Rather, the references are directed to real-time processing of video and audio information, such as normal TV programming. As such, the audio and video information is processed and distributed, according to the cited references, as the signals are received in real-time. None of the references discloses that (1) the video and audio information is stored in a plurality of theatre systems as files, (2) such files are distributed from each theatre system to a plurality of auditoriums for presentation with preselected offsets in time, and (3) such files are processed at pre-selected time, i.e., non-real-time. None of the references discloses (1) non-synchronized transmission of video streams with the associated sound-track audio streams, and (2) ability to develop "program sets" from the various audio and video program elements that are stored in the central storage.

No new matter is introduced in the amended claims, as the support for amended features may be found, for example, on page 17, line 30 to page 18, line 2, the original claim 14, as well as Fig. 2B of the present application.

Therefore, since the cited reference, singly or in combination, do not disclose at least the above-mentioned claimed limitations, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

2. Rejection under U.S.C 103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claims 16-18, 44, 84-86, and 111 as being allegedly unpatentable over Guido, in view of W. Fuller and M. Fuller, further in view of US Patent No. 6,005,938 issued to Banker et al. (Banker, herein after). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references, singly or in combination, discloses or suggests the claimed invention, as discussed above in connection with the independent claims 1 and 70. Therefore, since the cited references do not disclose or suggest at least the above-mentioned claimed limitations, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

3. Rejection under U.S.C 103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claims 45 and 112 as being allegedly unpatentable over Guido, in view of W. Fuller and M. Fuller, further in view of Patent No. WO 07/06637 issued to Gulla. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references, singly or in combination, discloses or suggests the claimed invention, as discussed above in connection with the independent claims 1 and 70. Therefore, since the cited references do not disclose or suggest at least the above-mentioned claimed limitations, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

4. Rejection under U.S.C 103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claims 22-41 and 135-150 as being allegedly unpatentable over W. Fuller and M. Fuller, in view Guido and Banker. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the references discloses or suggests the claimed invention. Specifically, none of the references discloses or suggests that the

compressed and encrypted image and audio information are received and stored in a single "central storage system" as files, which are distributed to "a plurality of . . . auditoriums at a plurality of pre selected later times with preselected offsets," as now claimed in independent claims 136 and 143. Rather, the references are directed to real-time processing of video and audio information, such as normal TV programming. As such, the audio and video information is processed and distributed, according to the cited references, as the signals are received in real-time. None of the references discloses that (1) the video and audio information is stored in a central storage system, (2) such files are distributed from the central storage system to multiple auditoriums for presentation with offsets in time, and (3) such files are processed for presentation at pre-selected time offsets, i.e., non-real-time.

No new matter is introduced in the amended claims, as the support for amended features may be found, for example, on page 17, line 30 to page 18, line 2 and the original claim 14 of the present application

Therefore, since the cited reference, singly or in combination, do not disclose at least the above-mentioned claimed limitations, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.


CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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